Medical Universities

1555. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Universities have been functioning in some States in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for establishing such Medical University in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, by when such a step is proposed to be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per information available such Universities are functioning in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) According to the State Government there is no formal proposal with the Government at present to establish a Medical University in Jammu and Kashmir.

New Health Policy

1556. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether formulation of a New Health Policy is presently under active consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the special features thereof and main objectives to be achieved thereby;

(c) whether the draft New Health Policy was recently placed before the Conference of State Ministers held in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details of suggestions made at the Conference and reaction of Government thereto;

(e) whether the New Health Policy is likely to involve more Governmental expenditure and public participation therein;

(f) if so, the details of funding and financing thereof; and

(g) by when the New Health Policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An exercise is currently underway for revising the National Health Policy 1983. The revised National Health Policy will focus on various determinants which have an impact on the health status of the people like financial resources, equity considerations, role of States, private sector, human resource development and other issues such as medical research, disease surveillance, role of IEC, NGOs, population stabilisation etc.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Valuable suggestions, on various determinants discussed, were received during the Seventh Conference of Central Council of Health & Family Welfare. It was also opined that other issues like decentralisation, women's health, urban health, non health determinants like provision of safe drinking water, basic sanitation, adequate nutrition and cleaner environment, manpower deployment in remote areas also require a focus. The same are under examination.

(e) and (f) Various alternatives including increasing Government expenditure on health and recovery of user charges are proposed to be considered to augment resources for health care services.

(g) Upon finalisation of the National Health Policy, same will be circulated to States/UTs. for comments and finally placed before the Cabinet for approval.

Indian population affected by major diseases

1557. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made about the percentage of Indian population affected by major diseases like Cancer (Bone, Blood, etc.) Heart (Cardiology), Renal diseases (like Kidney, Prostrate, etc.) Lung diseases (like T.B., Asthma), Psychiatry/ Neurology, Orthopaedics, Skin diseases, Gastrointestinal diseases, Gynaecology (including Obstetric), Dental diseases and Malaria; and

(b) if so, percentage-wise break up and the steps (preventive and treatment) taken to tackle these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.